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# RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

Dear Sirs:

In reference to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed September 8, 2006, for the above-identified Application, enclosed please find a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. The foregoing submission is believed to meet the requirements of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to our deposit account no. 13-0265.

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- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/21/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/21/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 10/21/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/20/2006
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- Priority Documents filed on 10/21/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

• Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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